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How the Railway Magnate Fooled a Collection of Chicago Reporters. Jay Gould arrived at the Grand Pacific hotel in Chicago one Sunday afternoon in the autumn of 1882. It was one of his regular tours of inspection across the continent, and on this occasion he was in a particu

INTERVIEWED JAY GOULD.

larly good humor. A small horde of railroad reporters was gathered in the corridor awaiting his coming, and when he entered and saw them a merry twinkle came in his eye, and with an expression that almost approached a smile he said cheerily, "Well, boys, are you waiting to see me?" The reply came in a chorus of "yeses." I was a member of that small horde and was pushed forward to act

as spokesman. There was a flurry in railroad circles at that time, and many stockholders feared | 70. that Gould's tour through the west meant more than appeared on its face. I told Mr. Gould of this feeling and urged him to give New st Materials. general railroad situation. The twinkle in his eye became more perceptible than when

he first entered.

"Well," he said contemplatively, "if you will wait until I make a short toilet I will come down and see you." Our Own Manufacture were astounded. They had never seen Jay

Gould in such a complaisant mood before although they had seen him scores of time time and headed the procession to a recep tion room in which there was a long table Mr. Gould took the head of the table, and the reporters surrounded the other three

"Now then, boys, when you're ready crack away," said the magnate in a tone of voice that was as hearty as though he staggered and confused any man but Jay Gould. The questions were fired in solid and scattering volleys, but not one missed came back as rapidly as the questions were asked, and each answer was unerringly diected to the man who had asked it. The boys were amazed and delighted They covered page after page with notes thought they were getting the biggest sufficient. At last the firing of questions became desultory and finally ceased altochairs and with great beads of perspiration

"Are you all through, boys?" asked Mr. Gould cheerfully and looking fresher than when he began. "All through. We thank you, Mr.

sphynx of Wall street.

the room, and there was a ghost of a smile under his black mustache. Then we all sat down to compare notes We went over the questions and answers They were all there, but to the answer the questions. The notes were gon over carefully again and again, but always with the same result. Then it dawned haste they had allowed the wily railroader to "play them." He had actually not given Chicago that had a "stickful" of interview with Jay Gould.

in his eye.-J. L. Sprogle, Jr., in New York

The Use of the Tonsils. Many a mother who has found in the to sils of her children the seat of frequer trouble has wondered for what purpose cluded in the anatomy of the throat. Late researches by Dr. Lovell Gullard have developed some interesting facts about them which ought to change opinion from skeptical curiosity to grateful welcome.

pacteria, attacking them wherever es It will be seen, therefore, that a workshop for the manufacture of white corpus cles is a valuable plant, and its location just at the junction of the mouth nasal passage, two sources of disease gern supply, is only another evidence of the ad mirable economy of nature. While the larger portion of the white corpuscles created by the tonsils pass right

on into the circulation, patrolling and pro tecting the entire blood system, man old as he has stolen through the n slipped in by way of the nostrils. time the invading germ has passed the equally with the blood are the throat, stomach and lungs protected. Too much respect can hardly be shown to the long misjudged but now well proved efficient tonsils.—New York Times.

Our Best "Society." If men and women so conduct themselves in public as to attract general at tention by financial extravagance, by biversation is gibberish, their conduct in full glare of publicity affected, senseless

When these people chase a paper bag and call it a fox hunt, what is it? When they go to a 5 o'clock tea and jabber an chatter, what are they? When they meet not only turn a deaf ear to what is don but make a very babel with their int chatter, what are we to think? refusing to give a dollar for charity, but own personal tickling, what must be t judgment? When the highest ambition stare of vacancy, suck a cane, gible dialect to similar idiots, be a sham, a are we to think of women willing to marry such saplings?-Howard in New York Re

A Needed Accomplishment. seminary—yea, in every girls school. "Why so?" asked her husband. "Because when a married woman want

she almost always has to whistle for it, replied Mrs. Mantilla.-Exchange. Savings of English Working People. At a sitting of the labor commission Mr. Brabrook, chief registrar of Friendly sociesaid the returns of those societies i

of the working class. So far as he had

turns those savings amounted to over £218,

000,000.-Lordon Tit-Bits. Ar Important Question. a of Jacksonville's bright little five year-old piels was given a nickel to pu her and asked if she should put is or tails."-Exchange.

The dog barks, but the caravan passes. Coply, the artist, was the son of a day

It is said that the best walking pace is seventy-five steps per minute. The father of Keats kept a livery stable, in which the poet was born.

'Tis only heaven can be had for the esking. How about good advice? A colony of about 1,000 Japanese is to be established in Sinaloa, Mexico. Six thousand men are now working on

the Chicago exhibition structures. The output of the flouring mills of Minneapolis is 37,000 barrels a day. Sparks from amber and other substances were mentioned by Pliny A. D.

locity of electricity to be 576,000 feet a

Wheatstone in 1834 calculated the ve-

injure its flexibility, soak it thoroughly Mexico has a jail that is stated to con-

To make leather airtight and yet not

sist of a live oak tree with a chain and staple attached. The latest traveling pillows are covered with suede leather and are embroidered in gold thread.

It may be interesting to note that Belgium is declared to be the most intemperate country in Europe. Little folks are very much like big folks, except for size, and even that dif-

ference is not so very great. A huge timber raft, comprising 5,000, 000 feet and valued at \$75,000 was hauled into San Francisco bay recently. "I can tell more about a man from his smile," said the chaplain of a prison,

"than from his promises or his regrets." Work in American Organs. In the best New York factories every part of the organ is made on the premises, and most parts are made by machinery and finished by hand. Lumber for the keys is always housed for many years before being used, and all the wood used is first seasoned outdoors and then indoors. No nails are used under any circumstances in the frame, all fastening being done by mortise, dowel, dovetail or screw. All small hardware is either tinned or nickel plated. American organs are built up from a stout ground frame or sill, so that subsequent

bellows to help expel the air; American makers use iron weights. The long pedal keys are capped with white holly and the short ones with ebony. Every piece of wood used in the entire organ protect it from moisture. These are only mechanical superiorities, but they are among the first things sional person, excepting always the elecperfection here. The electric key-

to attract the attention of an unprofestric appliances, which, if not strictly American inventions, have been brought board enables the organist to sit with his manuals in any part of the building. far away, if desired, from the instruorgan, but it is almost indispensabl where an echo is used.-New York

The Madstone Fallacy. "The madstone story is going rounds again," said Dr. Arnold at the to a raw surface of flesh and suck the poison out of it-that is, the owners say so. As a matter of fact no organic substance can suck except by the aid of machinery. Again, in ninety-nine cases and there is no poison to be sucked out. Thirdly, credulity is one of the most efdition of the madstone comes from the absorptive power of any anhydrous mineral. Such a stone is filled with pores, and, by a process akin to that of capillary attraction, the water that it has lost-in the course of centuries per-

tact with liquid. a madstone let him put a piece of dry clay or shale to his tongue. It will stick. There is all there is to it. There are millions of tons of madstones every state in the Union, and every family can afford to be without it. These stories of mysterious stones that have come from the far east, or that were bought at enormous prices from voodoos or hoodoos and wizards, are all humbug."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Earthquakes and Vegetation. When people tell us that earthquakes are capital things we may reasonably be allowed to entertain suspicions regarding their sanity, but if they follow up their assertions with reasonable argument then we must perforce give them effects of siesmic shocks upon vegetation are to favor a more rapid germination of seeds and a more rapid growth of the young plants, thus resulting in a greatly increased luxuriance. These results he ary causes, among which is the production of electricity, which always accompanies stresses in the earth's crust. In connection with this we may notice some experiments by Professor A. Aloi, on the influence of atmospheric electric ity on the growth of plants. From o servations made chiefly on Lactuca scariola, Zea mais, Triticum œstivum Nicotiana tabacum and Vicia faba, he concludes that this influence is distinctly beneficial. Further experiments have demonstrated that the electricity of the soil has a similar influence on the germination of seeds.—Electrical Review.

Thanksgiving in the South. Speaking of Thanksgiving it is a pity

that it is not more generally observed a the south than it is. We excuse ourselves by saying that Christmas takes its place, but it does not; the associations of that day are-or should be-of a more spiritual nature than gratitude for the supply of our temporal wants during the year. Of course there are church services-very slimly attended-and it is a legal holiday, so that business i generally suspended. We might take a hint from the Puri-

tan custom of making it a day of family reunions without doing much violence to the memory of our cavalier ancestors. A few congregations have of late years converted it into a kind of harvest home festival, decorating their churches with grain and fruit, the latter being afterward distributed to those to whom it is a luxury,-Charleston

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE STATE SCHOOL TAX.

MESSRS. EDITORS :- The following reference to the distribution State Scho Tax, was prepared to be read before the State School Commissioners' Association in November last. Being unable to attend the meeting, I have, after some reflection, com to the conclusion, that it can at least do no harm to give it to the press.

EBEN F. PERKINS. By Chapter 398 of the Acts of 1892, the " Maryland School Tax Commisssion" was appointed to "investigate the matter of the distribution of the State School Tax under existing laws, and ascertain its practical operation and effect in the various counties and the city of Baltimore and how far the same works inequalities, hardship and injustice, and the cause causes thereof and the proper remedy."

The preamble to the Act informs us, Be even the unwilling witness of a | that it is complained that there are "gross man's weakness and you have gained his | inequalities in the distribution of the State School Tax, in consequence of which ounties in the State with a low rate county school tax, are able to have ten months school and pay a high rate of com present basis of distribution. pensation to teachers, and other counties with a high rate of county school tax, are able to have only from five to seven months and a half, and pay teachers a low rate of

compensation." The present apportionment and dis bursement of the State School Tax, is made under Chapter 377 of the Act of 1872, Chapter 533 of 1888, and Chapter 50 of 1890. The Act of 1888 only increases the school tax to 10½ cents, and the Act of '90 increases the amount to be paid to colored schools, the increased tax fully grown to this proportion under various the World's history, whose origin had its covering the increased amount to colored

The principle of apportionment established in 1872, has been re-affirmed at every session of the Legislature for twenty years, and its liability to the charge gross inequality, it would seem, should barred by limitation. The Legislature, notwithstanding, has thought proper re-open the question, and there seems more appropriate occasion to discuss the subject than in a meeting of the School Commissioners of the State. The Act of 1872 declares, that the State

School Tax is primarily intended to pay the salaries of the teachers of the several counties, and to provide school books. then authorizes and directs a county tax displacement is impossible. The Euronot exceeding ten cents in the \$100, unless peans pile stones and bricks upon the with the approval of the County Commissioners. Upon the receipt of notice of the amount of the school tax levied in the counties and the city of Baltimore, the Comptroller immediately apportions the is planed by hand, and is covered with | whole levy to the counties and city in profrom one to three coats of shellac to portion to their respective population between the ages of five and twenty, and in proportion to this basis the amount received is distributed-first deducting the Education.

The Constitution provides for a uniform system of Public Schools, and to enable the State to establish her schools, a taxa State tax, not a tax for the counties, but a State tax for the schools of the State, is levied, to be disbursed as the exigencies of any particular locality or condition may require. This theory of disbursement is the outcome of enlightened progress, and if there is to be any departure from it Great Northern yesterday. "It is the | we may as well at once return to the o property of this wonderful agent to stick | system of requiring every school district to take care of itself as best it may. I am not prepared to believe that any school man is ready to make this retrograde movement. The weak places of our good old Commonmust give of their abundance. The school tax of Baltimore City for 1891, as reported ought to be used oftener where people | was returned to her \$176,531, \$113,697 less have he real disorders. The whole tra- than she is responsible for; 98,831 less than she actually paid into the treasury. And so far as I am advised, there has been no whisper of complaint. Alleghany county for 1891 was responsible for \$16,887, and was paid \$21,478,\$,4591 more than she was haps-it will soak up again when in conresponsible for, and \$6,632 more than was actually paid into the treasury, and yet "If one wishes to know the action of Allegany appears to be the chief mourner on this occasion.

I shall make use of Allegany for illustration, because she has, next to Garrett, the smallest colored school population, because of the position she holds among her sister counties for intelligent and careful management of her school funds, and because as I understand she is chiefly responsible for this movement for a different apportionment of the State tax.

Counties receiving more than their school levy, exclusive of the colored school fund, are: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore county, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George, been collecting a number of observa- Washington, Wicomico and Worcester, 21. tions, from which he deduces that the Baltimore City, Carroll and Cecil only received less. I take the tables of the last report of the Comptroller and the school re-

Taking the total population from five to twenty, and the school population as the basis of distribution, and there would be no appreciable difference in the amounts distributed to Allegany and Kent, I have not made the calculation for any other

I have thus far ignored the existence of colored schools. If we had no coltax was distributed on the present basis, we should probably never have heard of the present "Maryland School Tax Com-

But the negro cannot be ignored; he is

here, a part of the State, not of Kent, o

Charles or Anne Arundel, but of the Commonwealth of Maryland, and he presents a ondition which the State, wherever he may be located, must deal with. He is not attached to the freehold; he may be here to-day and elsewhere in the State the next school year. He is not a citizen Kent county, but of the State. I fe el safe in saying, that every school commissioner every examiner, every trustee, even of the olored schools, desires and recognizes that separate schools must be maintained. The policy of the State will not be changed. Schools and separate schools for the negroes will be maintained. It is not necessary for me to say to this organization, that to maintain separate schools for the negroes, it must be done at a much greater proportionate expense than if the negroes were absorbed in the white schools

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NUMBER X.

While a student at Washington College,

used to bless Tacitus, the son-in-law

Agricola, when fifty lines of this histo-

rian's writings were assigned as an exer-

cise in Latin translation. But since bid

ding adieu to the lovely surroundings and

charming associations of historical Fal-

lands of beautiful Scotland, I have begun

to appreciate the works of Tacitus. As I

stood at the foot of the noble Grampians,

near the moor of Ardoch, which, according

to Chalmers, is the exact spot where the

engagement between the Caledonians and

the Romans under Agricola took place,

A. D., 84, I began to regret that I had

not more faithfully studied the achieve-

ments of Canæus Julius Agricola, who

explore this beautiful country until re-

many years, yea centuries ago, helped

called by the jealous tyrant Domitian.

Besides the old ditch of the Roman camp

and the enormous piles of stone called re-

spectively Carnwochel and Carnlee, sup-

posed to be the Sepulchral Cairns of the

Caledonians who fell in the battle which

not be faithfully represented in the most

France of which we will make subsequent

mention. Volumes could be written about

the highland hills where the bare-kneed

highlanders cause the hideous sound of

their bag-pipe to reverberate from the

verdent peaks, across the placid lakes,

Grampians and onward to the red sand-

tory has been stereotyed for the inspection

gone days; that "modern Athens,"

streams and rills to the most picturesqu

elaborate art galleries of England

increased this additional appropriation for

condition, wherever located, that the State

must recognize by additional aid. Passing When the tourist first steps from the for the time the amount of additional aid handsome depot on Princes street, farrequired, upon what basis shall the amount famed for its excellent situation and appropriated be distributed? What more beauty, his attention is first attracted to equitable plan can possibly be adopted the Necleus of the city, which was known than as now observed, to the city and in pre-historic times as Castle Hill, being counties in proportion to their respective accessible only on one side. It is a high colored population from five to twenty? craig of basaltic rock, prettily flanked It has been shown, that the actual school | north and south by winding sheets of rufattendance does not differ materially, but | fled waters. The situation alone would is open to the objection of being a variable naturally lead the wandering savage to here fix his habitation, as he did many If there is any inequality, injustice or centuries ago. We know not positively hardship in the present distribution, it when the first castle was erected. We does not depend upon the basis of distri- have evidence however, that this Necleus, bution, but upon the amount appropriated was captured by Edwin, the Saxon king to colored schools, and that seems to be of Northumbria, in 626 A. D., from whence another branch of the question, to which I it derived its name Edwin's Burgh. Though sparsely inhabited at first, the I have endeavored, in a concise manner, beautifully inclined hill, was gradually to show that a State tax is necessary; that covered with substantial buildings, and the present basis of apportionment is as finally encircled with a solid stone wall. equitable as any that can be adopted; Thus shut in, the population until the last that an additional amount is necessary to century, made room for itself upwards by maintain separate colored schools, and that adding story to story, when steps were taken this additional is fairly distributed to the to extend the city beyond the walled limits, counties having a negro populaton on the and now it is acknowleged to be the most beautiful city of the British Isles. Tra-So far the whole question seems to be a dition assigns even an earlier foundation plain, common sense, straight forward to the city. The Maiden Castle is said to be the first one erected on the high pin-The proper equitable additional amount nacle which pierced the icy sea," 900 to be given to support separate colored years before Christ. The hill has been schools, is a question of more difficult de- ornamented by strong castles, which have termination. The amount distributed been the home of the royal family for under existing laws is \$100,000, and a pro- ages, and is generally the first place visited portionate amount of what may be re- by the tourist, but as the present castle is ceived at the Treasury in excess of \$500,000 familiarly connected with one of the greaton account of school tax. This amount has est and most trilling romances known in

The Legislature has from time to time city-HOLYROOD PALACE AND ABBEY.

beginning in another part of the romatic

colored schools, presumably because the We will first visit that romantic structnecessities of the case required it. The ure and trace the romance of royal love, amount thus received by Kent will not dual marriage, kingly murder and dispay the colored teachers' salaries for the grace of the most beautiful queen of Scotschool year of ten months at very greatly land, to Edinburgh Castle, and thence to reduced rates, and experience seems to Fotheringay Castle, where the Faszinating indicate that the amount thus appropri- beauty fell beneat'. the headman's axe. ated is not in excess of the requirements. The spot where Fotheringay Castle stood It is contended by some, that the color is in England, nowever, and will not be line should be abolished and the tax dis- spoken of until we visit the place of tributed on the basis of the population | the "queenly" execution. Of the handfrom five to twenty. If separate schools some structure itself much could be were not to be maintained, I could offer no written, as well as about the palace and objection to such a distribution, but it abbey, but now in the rooms of the private must be conceded that separate schools apartments of the beautiful and unforturequire an additional appropriation, and nate Mary, Queen of Scotland, we will so long as this is conceded and acted upon, content ourself with a description of these it will make no difference to such counties rooms and the scenes of the most treacheras Allegany whether colored schools are ous love, dastardly murder and fiendish put upon exactly the same footing as the outrage. The rooms and much of the furniture are in the same condition and The charge that some counties, with a position as in 1565-66, when "the betrayal low rate of county tax, are able to have kiss of Judas" was given by Henry Stewart ten months schooling and pay large sal- Lord Darnley to his own beautiful N, Queen of Scots, then under twenty yeaf county school tax and a low rate of salage. Having just returned from the 18 aries, are only able to have from five to of the Abbey where Mary and Dar. seven months school, is, I think attributawere married, and sitting near the se ble to other causes than the additional stair-case in Holyrood palace which leac amount appropriated to colored schools. from the handsome, but cruel Darnley's. Some of the counties derive a large amoun apartments to loving Mary's suite of rooms for schools from local licenses. Others where the murder of David Riccio was spend much larger sums than their sister enacted in the presence of the queen, as counties in building handsome and exhad been previously concocted by her con-

schools, or lower the standard of the age white teachers. You cannot supply your MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS, yet a tender girl of fifteen summers, but can pass the examination now required for the cultured wife of the Dowager of France, Francis II, so highly honored at From a long and careful consideration the French court. Her rare attainments of this whole subject, I fail to see how any and polished manners; her skill in both fairer plan of dividing the school appro- vocal and instrumental music; a linguist priation can be adopted. The only point | who had mastered various languages, and open to debate is, the necessary additional had afterward become an authoress of no mean ability—she was an honor to any country. But, alas! it was proven that her moral chastity was inferior to her intellectual endowments. After a short season of connubial felicity, Mary was left The Beautiful Highlands and Rom ana widow, whose hand and heart was sued for by many princes and kings of the time. but all were rejected, and the lovely widow returned to her native country, Scotland, and gracefully adorned the Scottish throne, until she contracted a marriage with Lord Darnley. She was true to him -conferred more honors than she had a right to do upon the imfamous youth thereby receiving the dislike of Queen

sort, Darnley, in order that a more cruel

deed might happen to the devoted queen,

slored schools of Maryland under pre- the diabolical scene of the past looms be-

cisely the same laws as the white schools, for me, I fancy I can see the most beauti-

unless you put white teachers in the negro ful and accomplished young princess of the

He wanted Mary to confer upon him the Crown Matrimonial, but she knew that by his haughty manner he would disgust the well do I remember with what zest the boys people, and the request was refused. Being refused in this, he became highly incensed, and entered into a conspiracy with a number of men to murder David Riccio, a secretary and intimate friend of the queen-Darnley said, "too intimate"-in her presence, and also take her life in a kirk, and sojourning in the scenic High-In my next I will treat in detail of the

Bess and many of her own subjects. Darn-

riage, the room in which I am now

ley and Mary occupied, after their mar-

murder of the beautiful queen Mary. [TO BE CONTINUED.]

Conundrums.

Why are New Year resolutions like pet bears? Because few people keep them. Why is the first of January like a sheaf of wheat set up for the birds? Because then many bills are presented. Why is a year like a suspected criminal

who is under the surveilance of a detec-

tive? It is watched out and in .- Youth's THE promptness with which Ayer's Tacitus has so vividly described, all that Cherry Pectoral stops a hacking cough is lovely, grand or sublime is here to be and induces refreshing sleep is something seen. The natives clad in their highland marvelous. It never fails to give instant

sheep strolling over nature's decorated and lung trouble, and is the best remedy elevations, is a picture of itself which can- for whooping cough. SAYS an agricultural editor : "Pumpkins are said to be very fattening for hogs, but we never have tried them ourselves."-

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